

MACKINAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, April 22, 2021

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021 in the Circuit Courtroom, 100 S, Marley St., St. Ignace, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hill at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: Jim Hill, Paul Krause, Craig Lehrke, Bucky McPhee, Mike Patrick.
Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited.

Agenda Approval – It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Krause to accept the amended agenda moving Bois Blanc Contract above Vehicle Bids. VVMC

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the board minutes of April 8, 2021. VVMC

Public Comment: Paul Hitchens of Clark Township requested that the board remove electronic voting machines and return to hand counting ballots.

Scott Marshall of the Downtown Development Authority gave an update on Little Bear park project.

Elected Officials/Staff Reports:

Emergency Director Kasper gave a COVID update and discussed an emergency training exercise scheduled for June.

Treasurer Goudreau discussed delinquent taxes, forfeitures, auditor update, retirement of computer tech., stairway door lock, MAC webinar re: American Rescue Plan.

Sheriff Wilk updated the board on inmate COVID vaccinations, discussed a deputy recovering from COVID, and PPE costs.

New Business:

Remonumentation Peer Review Contracts – The board reviewed the Peer Review Surveyor Professional Services Agreements for William Karr, Robert Laitinen, Larry Rogers, Lawrence Weinreis, and Patti Weinreis. It was moved by Commissioner Krause second by Commissioner Patrick to approve the agreements. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None (Agreements attached)

MDOT Airport Contract – The board reviewed the Contract for a Federal/State/Local Airport Project #201-0576. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the contract and authorize Treasurer Goudreau to e-sign the contract. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None (Contract attached)

Equalization Report – Director Chipman distributed the 2021 Equalization Report and reviewed it with the board. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to authorize the Chair to sign form L-4024 and form L4037. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: None. (Equalization Report attached)

Resolution/Four Year Term for County Commissioners – The board discussed the Resolution Supporting Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4 Year Terms for County Commissioners. It was moved by Commissioner Patrick second by Commissioner Lehrke to authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: Krause; Absent: None (Resolution attached)

Furnace Repair Bids/Circulating Pump - Tabled until next meeting.

Request from Kathleen Smith re: Health Insurance Opt Out – The board reviewed a letter from Kathleen Smith requesting a pro-rated portion of the opt out payment for health insurance. No support or action was taken. (Letter attached)

Old Business:

Bois Blanc Contract – The board discussed the Bois Blanc contract with Sheriff Wilk and Bois Blanc Clerk Diane Akright. The contract will stand as executed.

Commissioner Krause left the board meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Vehicle Bids – After board discussion on the vehicle bids, it was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Lehrke to purchase vehicles from Mackinac Ford. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee; NO: Patrick; Absent: Krause.

It was moved by Chair Hill second by Commissioner McPhee to waive the conflict-of-interest section (section 16) of the 2009 Purchasing Policy, and in accordance with MCL 46.30, accept the bid of Mackinac Sales for the purchase of new vehicles for the Sheriff Department, recognizing that a County Commissioner has a financial interest in the vendor. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee; NO: Patrick; Absent: Krause.

Additional Board Member Business:

Commissioner McPhee discussed the elevator alarms and informed the board that the contractor will correct the problem.

Commissioner Patrick questioned the hiring of a new attorney and informed Chair Hill that he believes he has outstepped his bounds.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment:

Rick Weiss and members of the public were in attendance to discuss election integrity.

Approval of Bills/Budget Amendments: The board reviewed the bills for approval in the amount of \$43,844.22. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: Krause (Bills attached)

The board reviewed the manual bills in the amount of \$243,081.18. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the bills. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: Krause (Bills attached)

The board reviewed the additional bills in the amount of \$700.96. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the bills. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: Krause (Bills attached)

Budget Amendments: The board reviewed budget amendment #2021-5. It was moved by Commissioner Lehrke second by Commissioner McPhee to approve the amendment. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: Krause (Amendment attached)

The board reviewed budget amendment #2021-6. It was moved by Commissioner McPhee second by Commissioner Lehrke to approve the amendment. Roll Call: Yes: Hill, Lehrke, McPhee, Patrick; NO: None; Absent: Krause (Amendment attached)

Communications: The board reviewed the March Banking Account Balances, MSU Youth Programming Update, March Shelter Report, Berrien County Resolution, Cheboygan County Resolution, Huron County Resolution. (Communications attached)

Adjournment – Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Lori Johnston
County Clerk